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In re Application of:)

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Applicant: Mathies, et al.)

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LOADING SYSTEM)

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Asst. Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 27, 2001 in connection with the above-identified patent application, please enter and consider the following amendment and remarks.